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Abstract:

Rhythm sensations can be represented in time to music by using the entire body and to create powerfulness and rhythm sensations. Stepping position indication data which is set by a rhythm setting section (107) is read from a stepping position indication data memory (105), and the stepping position instruction contents are scrolled and displayed on a monitor (3) by a scroll display control section (110), thereby performing instructions of the stepping position and the stepping operation timing. When the fact that a player steps on a step-on base section (13) in accordance with the display contents of the monitor (3) is detected by a cable switch (23) and this is input from a stepping operation monitor section (111), a score proportional to the timing deviation is calculated by an amount-of-deviation detection/totaling section (106), and next, an evaluation is performed by the rhythm setting section (107). Then, the next stepping position indication data is set according to the evaluation result.

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A concise explanation of relevance:

The citation relates to a conventional dance game machine which does not include guidance level changing means for changing the predetermined guidance level with respect to at least one of the first player and the second player, based on a result of evaluation made by the game operation evaluation means.